morality. With a view to bring the foreign satellite channels within the ambit of Indian laws including programme codes and standards, Government proposes to enact a comprehensive law for, *interalia,* regulating private broadcasting in the country.

Cancellation of Regional Programmes from Trivandrum Doordarshan Kendra

4483. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken any decision regarding cancellation of regional programmes from Trivandrum Doordarshan Kendra from 8 P.M. onwards;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRYOF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY) : (a) to (c) Prasar Bharati has intimated that in the changed Media scenario, the National Channel of Doordarshan has been restructured recently with a view to enlarge viewership and improve quality of Doordarshan programmes. In the process, the format of Hindi Samachar and English News has also been restructured with the increased durations. With the restructuring of news format and resultant scheduling of English News between 8.00 p.m. and 8.30 p.m., this time slot, earlier utilised by Regional Kendras on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, has been taken for national news. On remaining days, this slot was already with national network. However, keeping inview the regional aspirations, seven Regional Language Satellite Service channels, including Malayalam Channel, have been made round-the-clock and producers, technicians etc. of states would get more opportunities in the Regional Language Satellite Service.

Increase in Commerical Obscene Advertisements on TV Channels

4484. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that on all T.V. channels commercial obscene advertisements violating minimum ethical standards are increasing day-by-day without any check/control;